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## HYLAN'S PEN READY TO VETO TRACTION IF HE GETS CHANCE

Would Be a Feather in His Cap if He Could Slaughter Miller's Reform Bill.

### PLANS SHREWD MOVE

O'Brien, Corporation Counsel, Intends at the Least to Invoke Constitution.

### TALK OF FEDERAL ACTION

If Legislature Balks at Demands Tammany Has Surprises in Stock.

While the city administration is preparing to go into the courts at the first opportunity to nullify Gov. Miller's bill for the solution of New York's transit problem, a move first will be made to maneuver the Albany administration into such a position that a court fight will not be necessary, but that Mayor Hylan may be able personally to kill the bill with one stroke of his pen and thereby assuming the political role of savior of the city.

That became apparent yesterday when John P. O'Brien, Corporation Counsel, stated that the first move of the city— the passage of the bill now being a certainty—would be insistence with every resource that the measure must be submitted for the approval of Mayor Hylan before it can become a law. If the law department of the city once could get the bill on the Mayor's desk it is conceded it would have not the remotest chance of becoming a law. Failing the passage of the bill now being a certainty, Mr. O'Brien indicated, in the request, now pending, for another public hearing upon the bill before the Governor affixes his signature.

When asked what will be the city's first step in the legal battle Mr. O'Brien replied: "That depends largely upon the attitude of the Governor. It is not possible to tell just what course will be pursued this far ahead. No definite programme of action has been determined upon."

Previous statements of the Corporation Counsel and of Senator Hiram W. Johnson, the Hylan administration's special counsel, have shown, however, that the city is preparing to go to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary, in a fight upon the constitutionality of the measure.

While Mr. O'Brien would not commit himself, there were expressions from other sources showing that the city's court attack might be expected at one of two points—either to restrain the Governor from appointing the commission under the bill when it becomes a law, or to restrain the commission from taking any action which might affect the city.

The Legislature is expected to take the attitude that the measure is a State measure and cannot be considered at all as a local measure, which would mean that the bill could not be subject to the approval or veto of the Mayor. There were indications yesterday, however, that the city's request for another public hearing before the bill is signed may be granted.

Senator Johnson declared the bill never would have been possible "except under psychological conditions such as confront us to-day." He then added: "In this sort of legislation there is ANOTHER one of those letters telling how quickly Herald Want Ads. rent furnished rooms. See classified section.—Ado.

## MOTOR DRIVING LICENSES AT 16 INVITE WRECK IS CHARGE

City's Chauffeurs Protest Albany Bill, Saying Young Reckless Spooners Will Be a Menace to All on Highways.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Albany, March 17.

W. F. Moran of the New York City Chauffeurs' Association appeared today before the Senate and Assembly Committees on Internal Affairs to protest against the Lowman bill, one of which provides that licenses to drive automobiles be issued to persons 16 years of age.

"The age limit should be raised to 21 years," said Moran. "These young boys who drive cars generally have two or three girls in their machines with whom they are spooning. You'll find that's the cause of lots of accidents. Nobody can do two things at the same time."

"Then let's pass a law that no women can sit on the front seat with the driver," suggested W. G. Bond of the Motor Truck Association of America. "It will hit a lot of you owners if we do," replied Moran. "Why," he asked Senator Lowman, "did you reduce the age limit to 16 years?"

"I had to put it in in order to get the

always a second step, and you may confidently look forward to the consummation of the second stage of this wrong. The first step by exploiting corporations is to take from the people what belongs to them. The second step—and reaction never varies in this—is to take from the people their political rights so that they may be prevented from remedying the wrong.

"You will see, therefore, in the next few days the attack upon the direct primary and a destruction of the political rights which now rest with the people. First, the exploiting corporations are permitted to work their will, and next, the people's one mode of correction concerning public officials, the direct primary, will be taken from them."

"The gentlemen at Albany, though, are overreaching themselves, and the extreme lengths to which they go will sooner bring the remedy."

### MILLER IS INDIFFERENT ABOUT PROBING HYLAN

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Albany, March 17.

Gov. Miller will not seek to force an investigation of the Hylan administration in New York nor will he make any move to block an inquiry if evidence is presented to show it is necessary. He made clear his attitude to-day when he was asked to comment on a statement made yesterday by Charles S. Whitman that a legislative inquiry would reveal graft and corruption.

"There may be something in what Gov. Whitman says. I would not attempt to say there is not," the Governor said.

"Would you be in favor of a legislative inquiry at this time?" "The Governor has nothing to say about that excepting that he might veto an item in the appropriation bill for expenses of an investigation. I should certainly not oppose an inquiry if there is reasonable ground to think that one is needed," Mr. Miller replied. "By needed," I mean if there is a situation that ought to be disclosed because the greatest remedy after all is publicity. I think that an investigation without reasonable and just grounds would be foolish."

Gov. Miller also signed the Kavanaugh bill, making it a felony to accept or offer a bribe to lose a professional baseball game. The measure is an effect of the Chicago baseball scandal last year.

### SEEK PLAN TO BLOCK TRANSIT.

City Officials and Others to Meet Monday in Brooklyn.

The City Transit Committee, which is opposed to Gov. Miller's traction programme, will have a conference at Trinity Guild House, 122 Pierrepont street, Brooklyn, on Monday night to see what line of action can be taken to block the plan.

It is announced that Borough President Edward Riegelmann of Brooklyn, Borough President Henry H. Curran of Manhattan, Deios P. Wilcox, the Rev. Howard Melish and Raymond V. Ingersoll, secretary of the City Club, will participate.

## CALLS TRANSIT ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Walling, One of Hylan's Legal Aids, to Ask Injunction Upon This Ground.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Albany, March 17.

The Hylan administration has lost no time opening a campaign of obstruction against the Governor's transit bill passed yesterday by the Senate. Before the measure is approved by the Assembly, city representatives made known they are laying the ground for attacking the law at every possible point.

William A. Walling, Assistant Corporation Counsel, announced that city officials will contend the transit act is being passed in violation of the Constitution. The first injunction requested will be based on that allegation.

In addition the obstructionists, who are bent on nuking the transit act a political football of the next city campaign, made a move in the Assembly. They have raised a cry that the bill is a city measure and therefore must be referred to the Cities Committee and a further hearing held. The Judiciary Committee has handled the bill in the lower house.

No action was taken by the Assembly to-day. The vote was postponed until next Tuesday, when it is expected final action will be taken. City officials dug out Article 12 of Section 3 of the Constitution as the basis for their opening legal shot. This article defines general and special city laws and defines how each shall be passed. It provides that a single city law, which is the subject of a public hearing in the city affected and must go to the Mayor of that city for his signature.

The contention was sustained in the lower house. The bill had been passed illegally, and further, the Mayor would have the right to veto it. That would make it necessary for the Legislature to pass the measure over his veto by a majority vote. The latter would be simple, but it might necessitate prolonging the session of the Legislature.

The Governor's advisers and legislative leaders were not at all disturbed by this attack. They have not been caught off guard. The constitutional provision was considered fully and its provisions complied with in every detail, it was stated at the Governor's office.

### 10c. FARE ON METROPOLITAN.

Wooden Cars Are Soon to Vanish From Centre Street Subway Loop.

Alfred M. Barrett, Public Service Commissioner, issued an order yesterday permitting Lindley M. Garrison, rear of the Brooklyn, Queens County and Suburban Railroad Company, to resume operation of the Metropolitan avenue trolley line between Jamaica avenue and Dry Harbor road, the only part of the line which has been in operation for many months.

W. S. Mendon, general manager of the New York Consolidated Railroad Company, also under Mr. Garrison's re-ownership, told the commission that steel cars are replacing wooden cars on the Metropolitan avenue subway at the rate of five a month and that by the end of another year there will be no more wooden cars on the Centre street loop.

## \$11,000,000 PHONE RISE IN CITY APRIL 1

P. S. C. Orders 28 Per Cent. Advance Temporarily, but Company Asks More.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Albany, March 17.

New York city's telephone bills will be increased by more than \$11,000,000 a year by an order made to-day by the Second District Public Service Commission. On April 1 the rates will be advanced 28 per cent. This is done by eliminating the 8 per cent. decrease in rates granted to New York city in September, 1919, and adding 30 per cent. to all rates and charges to exchange telephone service and facilities.

The permanency of the increase, however, is to depend on further hearings of the application of the company's authority to put into effect a schedule of rates filed last September, now under investigation by the commission.

The company is required first to file with the commission a bond, with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company as surety, providing for the repayment to all subscribers, upon the final determination of the proceeding, or by the court's order in the event it is to be judicially reviewed, of any amounts paid by said subscribers from and after April 1, 1921, in excess of the rates or charges which may be fixed in such final determination with interest at the rate of six per cent. Upon compliance with this condition the company may file upon five days' notice a tariff in accordance with the order.

The company reported to the commission later in order to preserve the effectiveness of its service it had to increase salaries and wages about \$11,000,000 a year. Existing rates do not yield sufficient revenue to meet the payrolls, the company maintained, and in its petition asked for \$16,000,000 additional revenue.

The commission held several hearings and found that many more will have to be held before the proceeding can be determined. The \$11,000,000 has been given temporarily, and upon the result of the future hearings will depend whether any more of the \$16,000,000 is to be allowed. "It appears to the satisfaction of the commission," the order says, "from the evidence and general knowledge of conditions, that the increase in wages made effective since the order of September, 1919, was issued makes necessary an additional annual expenditure of \$11,000,000. After due deliberation it is the opinion of the commission that it should at this time, in order to prevent serious damage being done the company, consent to an immediate further increase, modifying the former schedules established by the commission."

### COCAINE HIDDEN IN STOVE PIPE

Narcotic Squad Detectives Enter East Side Basement.

Detectives of the narcotic squad, under Dr. Carleton Simon, Special Deputy Police Commissioner, broke into a basement in East Ninety-eighth street last night and detained four white women and three negro men until the place was searched.

There were few articles of furniture and these were tapped and the walls and floor searched. In a stove pipe they found cocaine valued at \$500, according to the report, and four syringes. Mrs. Sarah Cousins, a negro, was arrested as the proprietress of the place. The others were permitted to go.

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